

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 845

By Borchert

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Steve McCadams of Paris on his induction into the Legends of the Outdoors Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those estimable Tennesseans who, through their extraordinary talents and abilities, have achieved recognition and acclaim in their profession; and

WHEREAS, Steve McCadams of Paris is one such laudable person who was recently inducted into the Legends of the Outdoors Hall of Fame on August 17, 2007, at the Sheraton Music City Hotel in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, considered America's most popular crappie angler, Mr. McCadams is a renowned outdoor writer and serves as the host of the nationally televised series "In-Pursuit," a hunting, fishing, and conservation-oriented television program on the great outdoors; and

WHEREAS, the Legends of the Outdoors Hall of Fame recognizes outdoor sportsmen who have played an integral role in setting the standards and guidelines for the rest of the outdoor world to follow; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of McKenzie High School, Steve McCadams earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Bethel College in McKenzie with intentions to pursue a career as a game warden; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McCadams's part-time job as a fishing and hunting guide soon blossomed into a full-time job and marked the beginning of a storied career as a legendary outdoorsman; and

WHEREAS, a venerated journalist, Steve McCadams is the outdoor editor of the *Paris Post-Intelligencer* newspaper, and his columns appear regularly in *Mid-South Hunting & Fishing News*, *Tennessee Valley Outdoors*, *Crappie World*, and *Sportsman's Digest*; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McCadams's works have appeared in *North American Fisherman*, *Outdoor Life*, *Sports Afield*, *Field & Stream*, and the *Saturday Evening Post*, along with a multitude of state and regional publications; and

WHEREAS, he is an active member of the Outdoor Writers Association of America (OWAA), the Southeastern Outdoor Writers Association (SEOPA), and the Tennessee Outdoor Writers Association (TOWA), having served as president of both the SEOPA and the TOWA; and

WHEREAS, a professional fishing and hunting guide for over twenty-eight years, Mr. McCadams has shared his skill and insight with television viewers of such programs as "Bill Dance Outdoors," "Fishing with Roland Martin," "Billy Westmoreland's Fishing Diary," "Fishing with Orlando Wilson," the In-Fisherman Network, "the North American Hunting & Fishing Show," and the Nashville Network; and

WHEREAS, the 1996 National Crappie Fishing Champion alongside fishing pal Jim Perry, Steve McCadams is also co-author of the book *Crappie Wisdom*, considered by many to be the best selling and most popular publication on crappies; and

WHEREAS, a cancer survivor, Steve McCadams works tirelessly on behalf of the American Cancer Society, sponsoring the annual Casting for a Cure Kids Fishing Rodeo benefit and as coordinator of the American Cancer Society's benefit skeet and trap shoot at Holly Fork Shooting Complex in Henry County; and

WHEREAS, devoted to his family, Steve McCadams is most thankful for the loving support of his wife, Linda; and

WHEREAS, with such a remarkable career, Mr. McCadams is highly deserving of this special tribute as one of Tennessee's most prominent outdoorsmen and distinguished citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Steve McCadams on his induction into the Legends of the Outdoors Hall of Fame and his extraordinary career, and we thank him for being a sterling example of a true Tennessean.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.